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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Dominion Energy

North Carolina's Creel Late-Filed Exhibit 1

Docket No. G-5, Sub 661

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On August 8, 2023, the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued its Order Granting Motion to Excuse Witnesses in Part and Requiring Late-Filed Exhibit Answering Commission Questions. Attached for filing in response to that Order requiring the late-filed exhibit is Creel Late-filed Exhibit 1.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg
Mary Lynne Grigg

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VERIFICATION

DOCKET NO. G-5, Sub 661

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GASTON

The undersigned, Glory J. Creel, being first duly sworn, says that (i) she is Rates & Regulatory Specialist for Public Service Company of North Carolina, Incorporated ("PSNC"), and, as such, she is authorized, and has been designated by PSNC, to make this proof on its behalf; (ii) she has read the foregoing report and the matters and things stated therein are true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters and things stated therein on information and belief, and as to those, she believes them to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of August, 2023.

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Wendy A. Murphy, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 24, 2028

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Response to Commission Questions for PSNC Witness Creel

1. You stated in your prefiled testimony that on October 14, 2022, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 653, PSNC filed a request to transfer the balance in its Tax Act Revenue Deferred from Over-Collections (Tax Rider) deferred account to the Company's All Customers deferred account, and that after the filing and discussions with the Public Staff the Company agreed to request Commission authority to transfer this credit balance to the All Customers deferred account in the present proceeding, G-5, Sub 661. In your direct testimony herein, in Exhibit 4, you presented a separate calculation of the Company's over-collection balance of \$1,372,576 due to all customers in the Tax Rider deferred account, but you did not incorporate this credit amount into you Exhibit 1, Schedule 4 and 9, which means the total amount under line 3 of Schedule 1, the other Gas Costs Expensed does not reflect this Tax Rider refund of approximately \$1.37 million. Is that correct?

Response

Yes, that is correct. The credit was not shown on Exhibit 1, Schedule 4 and 9. PSNC requested in this Docket No. G-5, Sub 661, that this credit be transferred to the All-Customers deferred account. The balance will be transferred when the Commission grants the request to transfer the credit in this docket. This is the same manner PSNC has managed our hedging deferred account balance in previous years. The credit will be included in the 2024 annual review of gas costs schedules.

2. Assume for the purpose of answering this question that the Commission will approve the Company's request to transfer the approximately \$1.37 million credit balance to the All Customers deferred account. Provide an updated gas cost filing reflecting such transfer.

Response

Once the transfer is authorized by the Commission in this docket, PSNC will transfer the credit to the All Customers deferred account, and it will be reflected on the appropriate 2024 annual review of gas costs schedules.

- 3. In the Commission's Order in PSNC's 2022 annual review of gas costs (2022 Order), Docket G-5, Sub 642, Finding of Fact No. 11 stated:
- 11. It is appropriate for the Company to transfer the (\$9,818,653) credit balance in the Hedging Deferred Account to its Sales Customers Only Deferred Account. The combined balance for the Hedging and

Sales Customers Only Deferred Accounts is a net debit balance of \$1,103,690 owed by customers to the Company.

Reviewing the beginning balance of the Sales Customers Only Account in your Exhibit 1, Schedule 8 in this docket, it does not show the net debit balance of \$1,103,690. Rather it shows the amount of \$10,922,343 before applying the (\$9,818,653) credit approved in the 2022 Order. Explain why the beginning balance of the Sales Customers Only Account in your Exhibit 1, Schedule 8 in this docket does not show the net debit balance of \$1,103,690 approved in the 2022 Order.

Response

As mentioned above, PSNC transfers deferred account balances each year once the Commission authorizes such transfers. For example, in PSNC's 2022 annual review of gas costs the final order was issued November 15, 2022. Schedule 8 of the 2023 annual review of gas costs shows the hedging balance transfer in November, the month the order was issued. The hedging deferred account credit in this docket of (\$3,485,031) due to sales customers and Tax Rider deferred account credit of (\$1,372,675) due to all customers in this current review period will be reflected on the 2024 annual review of gas costs Schedule 8 and Schedule 9, respectively, in the month the order is issued.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing <u>Creel Late-Filed Exhibit 1</u>, as filed in Docket No. G-5, Sub 661, were served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 23rd day of August, 2023.

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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